

Church News

Kanemorado Echoes

After closing our Bible and Missionary Conference at Falls City, Nebraska, we have been engaged in work in Mo. On the way we stopped off at Godfrey, Kan., and preached morning and evening, May 6. On the evening of the 7th preached at a school house in Vernon Co., Mo. near the home of our beloved Brother and Sister Myers, earnest workers for the Master, and who are ever ready to support, feed and entertain. The missionary visited among the brethren a few days, reaching Center View, Mo., for meeting on Sunday the 13th instant, remained with the brethren here until the 19th. The meetings on Sunday the 13th were fairly well attended, attention was excellent, all seemed interested. During the work-day evenings the attendance was small but appreciative and we enjoyed the meetings very much, as a result, three were baptized and one received by relation from German Baptists.

At this place W. J. H. Bauman some years ago organized a little body of brethren. Most of them worthy of any church communion, and should have been given attention; but they were neglected, and in consequence some have been lost to the brotherhood. The Home Mission work was duly attended to and was paid in full and a contribution will be forthcoming in the future for the national work. Arrangements will be perfected for regular monthly services. These members are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of work, and ask to be remembered by the church in prayers. Four churches in the district have paid in full. Three of them among the poorest, financially. If the churches do not arouse themselves to this feature of the work, there will be a much larger deficit at the close of this year's work, than there was last year. The third quarter is nearing its close, and some of the organizations have as yet paid nothing.

Brethren these things should not be so. The church that is not missionary ought not to exist; should take down its shingle and shut up shop. I realize this is plain but it is gospel. We need the scalpel applied and everything laid bare before God that he may see wherein we lack. There are too many church cripples among us hobbling along on excuses. Brethren throw them away and "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

There is power in money, and the church needs money. Let us get the power and the needs together by every one doing his duty in the matter, and our national secretary nor our district secretaries will have to ever be reminding us of the needs of the work. Will be over the 20th with the brethren in Adrian, Missouri.

A. J. HIXSON.

Winchester, Ohio

It is sometimes said that "Coming events cast their shadows before," especially when the sun shines, and so it was with us here at

Winchester. Sometime in February we commenced a meeting which continued four weeks, during which time we had sunshine and shadows. Brother J. M. Bowman was with us and conducted the meetings which resulted in twenty-one confessions, and the church much edified. Six of the new converts were then baptized, but the rest felt like deferring to some future time. Several weeks ago our communion was announced and we all looked forward to the time with fond anticipations and some misgivings and surmisings as to the state of the weather, the health of the people and the condition of those applicants for baptism. Well, the time came. Brother J. C. Mackey was with us on Friday evening, and it was arranged to have baptism on Saturday afternoon, and during the night it rained and on Saturday it rained and we just let it rain for it was very dry and we needed the rain very much, but when the time came the applicants were all on hand and after preparatory service in the church went down to Twin Creek and fourteen were immersed, buried in baptism and rose to walk in newness of life. On Sunday evening we had meeting when the confirmation service was very acceptably conducted by Brother Mackey, after which he preached a very able sermon to a large and appreciative audience. On Monday evening we had our communion at the time and place previously announced, May 21. Everything was favorable. The rain was all over, the clouds had dispersed, the sky was clear, the air was pure and calm, and there was a traveling opera in town which kept the big crowd away, but our house was well filled. We had the best of order. Our members and young converts were all at the table, and some eighty communed. Some of the West Alexandria brethren were also with us. Bro. Mackey officiated. We were all edified; it was indeed a spiritual feast. It was one of the most enjoyable communions ever held here and we all feel grateful to our heavenly Father that we have been so highly favored.

JOSIAH KEIM.

From South Western Ohio

The communion at Winchester occurred Monday evening, May 21. I had the pleasure of preaching for the people and pastor, Brother Josiah Keim, Friday, Saturday and Sabbath evenings; and also presiding thru the courtesy of Brother Keim at the communion. Fourteen souls were baptized on Saturday afternoon, and confirmed on Sabbath evening. These were accessions from a recent meeting held by Brothers Keim and Bowman.

The season was one of refreshing from the spirit of God. Brother and Sister Keim were our father and mother for the few days spent in Winchester, and the love bands, which were already strong, have been more firmly cemented by our delightful visit in their home.

The work of Brother and Sister Keim at Winchester has been a great success; this is

apparent and requires no verbal statement to announce it.

While at Winchester Monday evening, a party of about thirty leading citizens, headed by Rev. Stubblebein, the Reformed Church pastor, and Dr. Drayer, practicing physician of this town (W. Alex.) tried to enter our house. Their keys would not fit, so they retired until the next night, when increased by recruits, they took possession of our home, did as they pleased for an hour, then left after making the new minister and his family considerably better off materially. That is the way they do in Ohio.

The recognition and welcome accorded us in south western Ohio have been genuine and complete. The above described expression from men outside the church, makes us feel perfectly at home in our new field. Our hope is that we may prove worthy of this confidence and regard.

J. C. MACKEY.

West Alexandria, Ohio.

Berlin, Pa.

Our communion service was held Sunday evening, the 20th. There were one hundred communicants present. Some came quite a distance from neighboring towns. The event was a most joyful one in the Lord. Our joy was still more increased by the addition of eight members, six by baptism and two by relation from the G. B's. The youngest of the converts was eleven and the oldest seventy five. Surely the rising and setting sun of life was truly symbolized.

When this aged brother learned that baptism was to be administered he coolly and deliberately came and asked that he might follow the example of Christ in the Jordan. He said he was sprinkled while an infant but did not know anything about that and something so important he wished to obey when he knew what he was doing it for. He was one of the happiest at the Lord's table and expressed himself as being perfectly satisfied in obeying His precious commandments. He is one of the pioneer and stalwart citizens of Berlin vicinity.

We pray that the guardian angel may care for the young man and four young ladies who are but floweretts that need nourishing.

P. M. SWINEHART.

Hamlin, Kansas

Brother Gillin closed his meeting at this place on Thursday night, 24th. Visible results five additions, four men and one woman, all heads of families. Brother Gillin did us good work, and we are glad he came. He is an earnest, faithful preacher of God's word, and an ardent lover of men's souls, hence his success. He made many friends and will always be welcome in Hamlin.

J. D. MCFADEN.

North Manchester, Ind.

The Lord's work is moving peacefully on. One accession by baptism last Sunday. Brother Summers did the baptizing and also preached for us in the evening. Services will be discontinued on the third of June on account of annual meeting.

B. H. FLORA.